

1           **NEW BERN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
2   **TAC MEETING MINUTES**

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4   **May 26, 2016**  
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6 The New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization held its regularly scheduled meeting on  
7 Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the Development Services Conference Room, 303 First  
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10 **Members Present:**                   Mr. Steve Tyson – Chairman  
11   Mr. Bernard White – Alternate Vice-Chair  
12   Mr. John Kirkland – Mayor, River Bend  
13   Mr. Hugh Overholt – NC Board of Transportation  
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15 **Members Excused:**                   Mr. Alan Welch – Bridgeton  
16   Mr. Chuck Tyson – Mayor, Trent Woods  
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18 **Non-Voting Members:**            Ms. Kelly Walker –Director, CARTS  
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23 **Members Absent:**                    Mr. Johnnie Ray Kinsey – Vice-Chairman  
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25 **Guests Present:**                    Ms. Judy Hills – Eastern Carolina Council  
26   Ms. Vana Prewitt – NBAMPO CAC Chair  
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28 **Staff Present:**                        Ms. Maurizia Chapman – New Bern MPO Administrator  
29   Ms. Kimberly Maxey – New Bern MPO Planner  
30   Mr. Jeff Ruggieri – TAC Secretary, NBAMPO TCC Chair  
31   Mr. Patrick Flanagan – DERPO  
32   Mr. Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT  
33   Mr. John Rouse – NCDOT  
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- 37       **1. Call to Order:** Chair Tyson called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.  
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41       **3. Ethics Reminder:** Chair Tyson read the Ethics Reminder. There were no conflicts of  
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**Motion:** Vice-chair White made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Mr. Kirkland seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**6. Plug-in Electric Vehicle Plan for the Highway 70 Corridor:** *Judy Hills – Eastern Carolina Council*

Ms. Judy Hills with the Eastern Carolina Council provided a PowerPoint presentation on PEV vehicles, explaining the growth potential and how plans for future infrastructure are currently being considered.

She relayed that a PEV steering committee meets on a monthly basis and encouraged members of the TAC to attend.

**7. FY 2017 Meeting Schedule:** *Kim Maxey*

Ms. Maxey provided the proposed dates for the upcoming FY 2017 year. Ms. Maxey pointed out that the TAC has an adjusted meeting date in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. TAC members did not indicate any concerns with the schedule as presented.

Ms. Maxey requested members approve the FY 2017 Meeting schedule. The CAC and TCC recommend TAC approval.

**Motion:** Mr. Kirkland made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Meeting Schedule as presented. Mr. Overholt seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**8. P 4.0 Projects Prioritization Ranking and Scoring:** *Maurizia Chapman*

Ms. Chapman reported that the NCDOT was late in sending out this information. Due to revised deadlines, the specially scheduled meeting previously called for June will not be necessary. Final scoring must be submitted by July 29<sup>th</sup>, which provides enough time for the public review period, and board approvals at regularly scheduled July meetings.

After release of the projects list by NCDOT, a Projects Prioritization sub-committee was formed and met on April 25<sup>th</sup> and applied the approved methodology to determine the raw rankings based on that scoring. In discussion with the sub-committee members, DERPO, Division 2 representatives and other NCDOT members, staff developed the recommendations before the Committee. Ms. Chapman relayed that NBAMPO was given 1100 points at the Regional level. Many Statewide projects were cascading into the Regional tier and the recommendations provided deviate from the process.

The number one project as scored by the sub-committee was the First Street road diet. If using regular methodology, the top project will receive 100 points and each subsequent project one less (99, 98, etc.).

92 Ms. Chapman continued by describing the reasoning behind the proposed projects' scores  
93 and discussed each staff recommendation:  
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- 95 • The Taberna interchange is one of the projects that scored the highest and one that  
96 is partially funded through the Statewide tier. This project has been pushed out  
97 to 2025 not for lack of funds but due to the fact this interchange is part of a larger  
98 project, which is currently in the TIP, but did not score well in this process and  
99 the environmental documents will be developed at the same time as the larger  
100 project.
- 101 • The US 17 Bypass completion was carried over from P 3.0 and the projected cost  
102 is in excess of \$180 million. There are two projects in the scoring process for  
103 this road both recommended by the RPO: one for a multi-lane highway, and one  
104 for a freeway. Because both projects' alternatives scores are very close, staff and  
105 RPO staff recommend we award no points to the multi-lane highway project,  
106 rather give points to the original freeway request.
- 107 • Staff is recommending only one transit project be scored based on the following:  
108 the points provided by the MPO are worth 15% of the overall score. 70% of the  
109 score is the quantitative one that comes from the State. The other 15% comes  
110 from the Division 2 office. The Division methodology says they can only give  
111 200 points to non-highway modes within the Division, or if necessary no more  
112 than 400 points. Division 2 includes Greenville, rural RPOs that includes  
113 Morehead City and Kinston. If we concentrate on one of the transit projects, we  
114 might have a better chance of getting it funded. The vehicles included in this  
115 process will be purchased FY 2017, 2018 and 2019. FY 2017 did not score well.  
116 The state match is about \$9,000 and if the projects don't receive the points  
117 CARTS will still purchase the vehicle. After speaking with the Transit Director,  
118 staff found that FY 2018 is the preferred year to try and receive NCDOT match  
119 for purchasing vehicles. By not scoring all three transit requests, points can be  
120 used towards other projects. Members agreed.

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122 Ms. Chapman requested members approve P 4.0 Project prioritization ranking and  
123 scoring as presented. CAC and TCC recommend TAC approval.  
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125 **Motion: Mr. Overholt made a motion to approve the P 4.0 Project Prioritization**  
126 **and scoring as presented. Mr. Kirkland seconded. Motion passed by unanimous**  
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129 **9. Updates:**

130 **a. Transportation Planning Branch Update:** *Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT TPB*

- 131 • Mr. Norowzi was not able to attend the meeting today.

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133 **b. CARTS Update:** *Kelly Walker, Transit Director*

134 Ms. Walker provided the following updates:

- 135 • There are five part-time driver positions open with an average of 20 hours  
136 per week. Chair Tyson requested Ms. Walker email the committee  
137 members with the position information. Ms. Walker noted that she would  
138 provide Ms. Maxey with the information to be emailed.

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- The Assistant Director position remains open and applications are still be accepted for this position.
  - The tablets are scheduled to be shipped out next week. Once received staff will be trained once installation is complete.

145 c. **Division 2 Update:** *Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planning Engineer*

146 Mr. Jeff Cabaniss provided the following updates:

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- Preliminary SPOT project points will be turned in by June 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Division meeting will be held on July 7<sup>th</sup> at Craven Community College from 5pm-7pm. They are utilizing an online tool this year as well to try and increase participation.
  - The bike/ped paths along Glenburnie and Neuse are about 95% complete.
  - The Trent River Bridge project has begun and is 60% complete and contractors are on track to finish the project as scheduled by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Crews will focus on completing the westbound lanes before the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.
  - Resurfacing of the Hwy 55 interchange in Bridgeton was awarded to S.T. Wooten and will begin once the Trent Bridge project is completed.
  - Four additional roads within the MPO are scheduled for resurfacing beginning in July including:
    - Simmons from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
    - Glenburnie from Neuse Blvd. to National Ave.
    - Rocky Run Road
    - Staten Road
  - They are preparing to resurface a number of roads in Trent Woods.
  - The Goldsboro Bypass will have a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11am and will officially be open to traffic.

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168 d. **New Bern Area MPO Update:** *Kimberly Maxey, MPO Planner*

169 Ms. Chapman provided updates on:

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- Staff and some board members attended the NCAMPO annual conference in Greensboro which was highly successful. The New Bern MPO will host the 2017 annual conference and work has already begun in planning for this event.
  - Staff will hold a public meeting in June for the SPOT projects. Details will follow as a date and location are determined.
  - In regards to the functional classification of MLK between U.S. 70 and Highway 17 Bypass, which had previously been downgraded, the MPO worked with NCDOT to change it. The classification will be changed to an “Other Principal Arterial” and will once again be part of the Strategic Highway Network, making this road segment eligible for specific Federal transportation funds.
  - Copies of the completed MTP were handed out to each member.

184 **13. Discussion:** None

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**14. Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Steve Tyson, Chairman

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Jeff Ruggieri, Secretary